

Appl. No. 09/852,244
Amdt. dated August 18, 2008
Reply to Final Office Action of April 16, 2008

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has received the Final Office Action dated April 16, 2008 (hereinafter “Current Office Action”), in which the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 1-14, 16-18, 20-22, 24-31 and 33-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Rothermel et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,678,827, hereinafter “Rothermel”); and 2) objected to claims 15, 19, 23 and 32 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable.

With this Response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claims 18 and 19, amended claim 8 to include the subject matter of claims 14 and 15, and amended claims 22 and 31 to include the subject matter of claims 23 and 32, respectively, which the Examiner concluded contained patentable subject matter. Claims 14, 15, 18, 19, 23, and 32 have been cancelled. Thus, for at least the reason that the Examiner concluded claims 15, 19, 23, and 31 were allowable, the Examiner should now find claims 1, 8, 22, and 31 and all claims depending therefrom to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that for at least the reasons presented above, all claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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